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SUBJ: PRAVDA CRITICISES " ULTRA- LEFTISTS" IN CHILE

1. WHILE ELECTION RESULTS IN CHILE HAVE BEEN GREETED HERE AS GREAT VICTORY FOR ALLENDE FORCES, MOSCOW IS STILL ANXIOUS ABOUT ALLENDE' S POLITICAL FUTURE, AND SOVIET PRESS ACCOUNTS CONTINUE TO REFLECT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY " REACTIONARY" ANTI- GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS. MORE INTERESTING, PERHAPS, AND MORE INDICATIVE OF MOSCOW' S SENSITIVITY TO DELICATE SITUATION FACED BY ALLENDE' S LEFTIST ALLIANCE, IS MARCH 24 PRAVDA ARTICLE ATTACKING ACTIVITIES OF " ULTRA- LEFTISTS." REFERRING TO " PROVOCATIVE, ADVENTURIST ACTIVITIES" OF THE SO- CALLED LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, PRAVDA CONDEMNS MOVEMENT FOR OPPOSING " REALISTIC" POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT AND ACCUSES " ULTRA- LEFTISTS" OF PLAYING INTO HANDS OF REACTIONARY FORCES.

2. COMMENT: SHARP PRESS CRITICISM OF " ULTRA- LEFTISTS" POINTS UP MOSCOW' S ASSESSMENT THAT DELICATE CHILEAN POLITICAL SITUATION REQUIRES CAREFUL NURTURING. IT ALSO REFLECTS SOVIET INCLINATION TO CONTINUE LOW PROFILE IN ITS RELATIONS WITH ALLENDE LEST AMMUNITION BE GIVEN TO OPPOSITION WHICH STANDS READY TO POUNCE ON ANY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLOIT ALLENDE' S MOSCOW CONNECTIONS.

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